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# **Turkey**

### **Grain and Feed**

## **TMO Tender Announcement for Rice**

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#### **Report Highlights:**

Turkish Grain Board (TMO) announced a tender to buy 20,000 MT of milled 2001 crop Calrose rice. Tender offers will be opened and evaluated on December 11, 2001 and the results will be finalized by December 13, 2001.

Turkish Grain Board (TMO) announced a tender today to buy rice. According to the tender conditions, TMO will buy up to 20,000 MT of US #1 medium grain 2001 crop milled Calrose rice either as bulk or in sacks. TMO will pay cash or use GSM-102 (three-year term loans) program for this FOB and/or C&F purchase. Tender offers will be opened and evaluated at 10:00 local time at the TMO Headquarter in Ankara on December 11, 2001 and the results will be finalized by 12:00 local time on December 13, 2001.

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After a long break, TMO is in the rice import business again. The last time TMO imported rice was in 1992. In MY 2001 (September 2001-August 2002), TMO was only able to procure a total of 21,000 MT of local paddy rice compared to 50,000 MT or 60,000 MT of paddy rice in previous years. TMO feels to be obligated to meet the demand stemming from military and some public sources. However, this may be the only purchase TMO will carry out in MY 2001. The cargo will be imported the New Year when the import duty is expected to be reduced back to lower levels. The import duties were increased from 27 percent to 39 percent for paddy and from 35 percent to 46.5 percent for milled rice on October 18, 2001.